

# Unless Buff Is by Far the Best Bantam in Game Today, Crown Soon Will Shift

## CHAMPION TAKES ON TOUGH RIVALS IN NEAR FUTURE

Meets Ertle in Detroit Tuesday; Heavy Fistic Card This Week

By EDWARD W. COCHRANE.  
Johnny Buff, the veteran bantam, holds the world's title, and also is at the top of American flyweights. He will be relieved of his crown within the next few months unless he is by far the best bantam in the game today. He has mapped out a campaign that will put him through several important engagements with good opponents. The first of these will be fought in Detroit Tuesday night when he meets Johnny Ertle of St. Paul for 10 rounds. In May he is scheduled with Harry Battling Leonard in Philadelphia and Joe Lynch in New York.

Ertle is the boy who was given a decision on a foul over Kid Williams at the time the Baltimore scrapper held the championship. Ertle then claimed the title and was good enough to defend it except that he liked the bright lights entirely too well, and on his second attempt to beat Williams was whipped soundly. Later he deserted the prizefight path and for some time has been fighting well, although he is beyond the stage where he can hope to reach the top again, in the opinion of competent critics.

**Kayo His Only Chance.**  
Ertle's only chance to win the title in a Detroit engagement is to score a knockout, as it will be a no-decision affair, and he never has been credited with knockout ability. However, his stock will soar if he manages to gain a newspaper verdict over the New York fighter. Ertle is cleverer than Buff, but he will find trouble standing the body punishment Buff can administer. Buff is a fast, shifty fighter on the Dempsey-Lynn-Nelson type.

While Buff should make the Ertle hurdle without a great deal of difficulty, he will have rather tough sledding beating Leonard and Lynch. Leonard is a Philadelphia product and stands very high in fistic rating in that vicinity. He is not considered a champion, but he is one of the title-holders to beat. Joe Lynch won the championship some time ago by beating Pete Herman. Later Herman regained the crown by beating Lynch, and then lost to Buff. Lynch is faster than Herman, ordinarily. He has his good and bad days, but if he is right he will cause Buff as much or more trouble than any of the other contenders.

**One More for Dundee.**  
There are plenty of negotiations between promoters and champions of the various divisions, for big fistic fights, but Buff is the only one active this week outside of Johnny Dundee, junior lightweight kid, who will meet Johnny Shugrue in Worcester, Mass. Shugrue is a good fighter, but not good enough to worry Dundee unless form is rudely upset. The little "Scotch-Wop," who also is a challenger for the lightweight championship held by Ed Butler, is about the toughest one of the challengers to beat and he upsets the title aspirations of many fighters.

Joe Roper, who was a captain in the army during the World war and returned from France with quite a reputation as a boxer, has been a consistent challenger of Ed Butler for some time, but has been unable to induce the public to take his challenge seriously. Therefore he has accepted a match with Fred Fulton in Denver this week to prove to the public that he is capable of putting up a respectable showing against the man who has left for Europe to try to make a little easy money (smiling over Ed Butler).

**Roper's Chance to Shine.**  
Roper will be able to demand respect on if he can knock out Fulton, a feat he was unable to perform a few years ago. He appears to be doing better than he used to and it may be that he really has acquired a bit of courage. If so he is no longer and has such advantages in reach, height, weight and hitting power over Roper that he may put Captain Roper out of the running for time by planting his right upper cut against the boxer's chin. Roper is smaller than Dempsey. He will have to do some thing looking to keep out of harm's way in this encounter.

**Flynn to Ring Again.**  
Law Tandler, who may meet Benny Leonard July 4 in Kansas City, is going to pick one in Philadelphia Monday night when he meets Tim Droney for eight rounds. Droney was a cinch for Leonard.

Jim Flynn, for 20 years one of the best known heavyweights in America, who has won the world's championship in Las Vegas, N. M., in 1912, will box again Monday night when he meets Mike Schubert, a Hutchinson, Kan., heavyweight, for 10 rounds at Holmgren. Kan. Flynn has been going great of late, and it looks as though he will keep rising. Schubert, however, has gained quite a reputation in Kansas. The veteran may have his hands full in trying to whip his younger foe.

Young Bob Fitzsimmons, who never will be the fighter his famous father was, will be given a severe test when he meets Jack Reeves, California, light heavyweight, in New York for 15 rounds. Reeves is a good puncher and a tough one to beat.

## A SECOND JIM THORP?



By ROBERT EDGREN.

I have just seen a youngster who looks to me like the greatest athlete since Jim Thorpe's best days. Some of his performances far surpass the best work of the great Indian, of Martin Sheridan and of former champion and record holder S. H. Thompson.

Moreover, as he is a college boy, only nineteen years of age and in his first successful year in athletics under good college coaching, unless some accident prevents, within another year or two he will far outclass any all around athlete ever known and will have broken at least half a dozen of our present world records.

Even now he is a better shot putter than Ralph Rose in his day, better than Sheridan and Luncheon with the discus. His name is Glen Hartranft. He is a sophomore at Stanford university. He was born and brought up at Fullerton, South California, and had his first athletic experience at the Fullerton high school, where he ran hurdle races, threw the discus and put the shot with fair success. Later he wore the colors of the U. S. A. C.

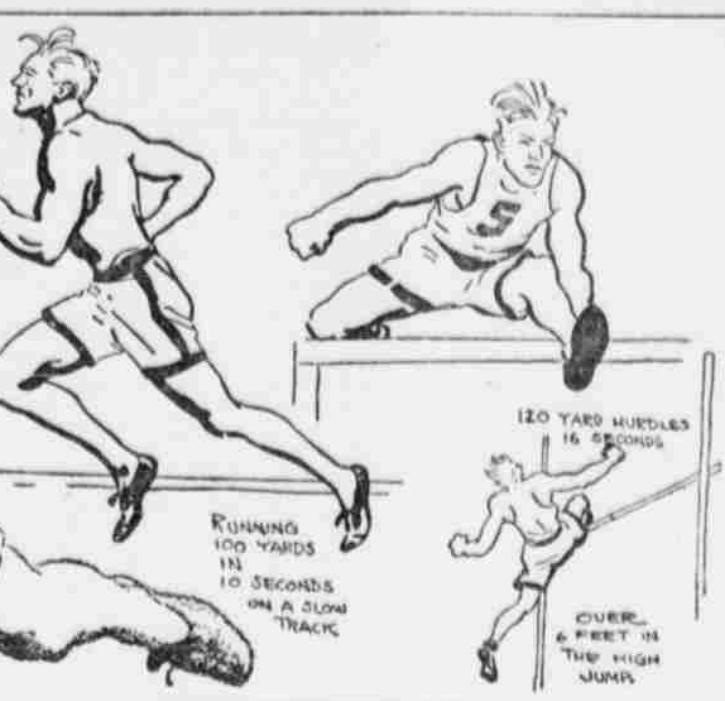
Last year he won places in the junior and national championships, with performances that were good, but in no way sensational. Bob Weaver, A. U. president, looked him over then and predicted that under Coach Templeton of Stanford he would become a champion and a record breaker.

Hartranft was rather diffident about giving out details of his athletic performances for this story. He is modest and unpolished. Fame seems to embarrass him. But his coach is going to send him, with Rust Houser as a team mate, back to the National championships that will be held in the great new stadium at Van Clift street, Park, New York city, this summer.

Hartranft and Houser are both likely to break world's records with the shot and discus. Houser, a high school boy, won the national shot putting championship last year with 48 feet, beating the once invincible Pat McDonald. And Hartranft has run about of Houser's record.

### Important Boxing Bout This Week

April 17—Billy Britton vs. Johnny Kiebo, 15 rounds in Springfield, Ill.  
April 17—Sam Langford vs. Tug Jackson, 10 rounds in Dayton, Ohio.  
April 17—Ever Hammer vs. Eddie Bushline, 10 rounds in Milwaukee.  
April 17—Jimmy Sullivan vs. Young Fitzsimmons, 10 rounds in St. Louis.  
April 17—Eddie Fitzsimmons vs. Cal Delaney, 10 rounds in New York.  
April 17—Low Tandler vs. Tim Droney, 8 rounds in Philadelphia.  
April 17—Tommy Campbell vs. Jimmy Shea, 8 rounds in Philadelphia.  
April 17—George Ward vs. Mickey Walker, 10 rounds in Newark.  
April 17—Barney Adair vs. Paul Doyle, 10 rounds in Lynn, Mass.  
April 17—Willie Jackson vs. Johnny Droney, 10 rounds in Newark.  
April 17—August Rattner vs. Phil Krug, 10 rounds in Newark.  
April 17—Jim Flynn vs. Mike Schubert, 10 rounds in Holmgren, Kan.  
April 17—Bully Marshall vs. Young Monroel, 10 rounds in Providence.  
April 17—Bob Davis vs. Eddie Martin, 10 rounds in Station Island, N. Y.  
April 17—Jimmy Lanning vs. Young Fitzsimmons, 10 rounds in New York.  
April 17—Dave Shide vs. Morris Schiller, 10 rounds in New York.  
April 17—Bobby Shide vs. Joe Gorman, 10 rounds in Omaha.  
April 17—Young Bob Fitzsimmons vs. Young Bob Fitzsimmons, 10 rounds in New York.  
April 17—Johnny Buff vs. Johnny Ertle, 10 rounds in Detroit.  
April 17—Andy Chaney vs. Joe Dundee, 10 rounds in Baltimore.  
April 17—Gordon McKay vs. Panama, 10 rounds in Seattle.  
April 17—Johnny Dundee vs. Johnny Shugrue, 10 rounds in Worcester.  
April 17—Ever Hammer vs. Ed Marks, 10 rounds in Montreal.  
April 17—Pugy vs. Young Fitzsimmons, 10 rounds in Worcester.  
April 20—Pud Pulton vs. Bob Roper, 10 rounds in New York.  
April 20—Fai Moore vs. Eddie Anderson, 10 rounds in Dawson, Nev.  
April 20—Taddy Murphy vs. Gene Watson, 10 rounds in Fort Sheridan.  
April 20—Hankley White vs. Peter McMahon, 10 rounds in Evansville.  
April 21—Sammy Sanchez vs. George Smith, 10 rounds in New York.  
April 21—Bud Taylor vs. Babe Asher, 10 rounds in Terre Haute.



## NICE CROWD OUT FOR DOG RACES, FAVORITES WIN

Seven Events on Card for Today With Best Dogs at Track Starting

A good-sized crowd of greyhound racing fans turned out Saturday afternoon to witness the seven-race program. Favorites won in several of the events and interesting racing was served up.

Ollie Ostendorf's good black dog, Wildest Dillon, romped in with 10 lengths to spare in the feature quarter-mile, beating Black Jack and Lord Helium handsly in 24.4-5. Flying Devil ran the five-eighths race, with Champ Clark second.

Sunday afternoon's program will be made up of seven races at various distances, the first being a puppy contest at one eighth.

## Dog Race Results

Saturday's results:  
First race, one-quarter mile—Shamrock Maud first, Good News second, Blue Grass third. Time, 28 3-5. Little Lady, Tulsa Boy and Blue Devil also ran.  
Second race, three-sixteenths mile—Hodge first, Cheerful Moments second, Doctor Hare third. Time, 18. Busy Manager, Excuse Me, Dust and High Tide also ran.  
Third race, one-quarter mile—Edith Cantrip first, Siskum second, Sig Hansen third. Time, 23-1-5. The Rosary, Wild Star and Friendly Fox also ran.  
Fourth race, one-quarter mile—Wildest Dillon first, Black Jack second, Lord Helium third. Time, 26 4-5. Night Rider, Peerless Prince and Cannibal King also ran.  
Fifth race, five-sixteenths of a mile—Flying Flirt first, Champ Clark second, Yellowstone third. Time, 24. Friend Queen, Ivy Parson and Joe Cantrip also ran.  
Sixth race, one-quarter mile—Miss Cabin first, Gypsy Boy second, Cocky Dare third. Time, 23 1-5. Kid Fox, Wild Irishman and Sweet Larch also ran.  
Seventh race, one-quarter mile—Crazy Parson first, Willie Wild second, Miss Rabbit third. Time, 28. Laura Wild Hill, Clara Hamon and Sonora also ran.

## Dog Race Entries

Sunday's entries:  
First race, purse \$20, one-eighth mile—Harry, Bryn Mawr, Iron Mask, Mission, Wilk, Wild Beaker, Twice Free, Romeo.  
Second race, purse \$25, three-sixteenths mile—Handsome Baby, Conky Dare, Ray Time, Miss Dot Buck, Flying Belle, Cherokee Hill.  
Third race, purse \$30, one-fourth mile—Hoppy, Gitty, L. Woodranger, Golden Moon, Fern Cannon.  
Fourth race, purse \$20, one-fourth mile—Sunburn, Honeycuckoo, Pearlone Harp, Kiowa, Fair Chance, Night Cap.  
Fifth race, purse \$25, three-sixteenths mile—King Cotton, Tulsa Girl, Red Parson, Foamings Spring, Chick Bradley, So Long Dick.

## Armour Institute to Go In for Football

CHICAGO, April 15.—Armour Institute, having no football team since 1903, will be represented on the gridiron again in 1923, according to officials at the institution today. Armour was among the leaders in the fall sport about the time the rule of five yards to gain in three downs was discarded. Then the faculty decided that athletics interfered with academic work and football was abolished and other forms of sport considerably curtailed.

Sports are now to be restored as part of the college life and John Schummer, former University of Chicago athlete and now a professor at Armour, will be the athletic director.

ern coaches, that in all his athletic experience he had seen the youngest's equal in natural strength and speed and driving power.

I've often said that better men come up every year, and that heads modern athletes in any line the old timers were anywhere. I couldn't find a better illustration of the point than Glenn Hartranft.

## 'Old Roman' Not 'Hasbeen' Yet in White Sox Camp

CHICAGO, April 15.—Various stories about the expected retirement from active participation in baseball of Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, have been told from time to time in recent months. The statement often heard is that "Comiskey is not the same old Roman," that he is slipping physically and that he is trading the affairs of the Sox to his lieutenant, J. Louis Comiskey, his son, and Harry M. Grabner, secretary of the club.

The senior Comiskey is not slipping, it is said, however. Although the White Sox magnate has retired into the background of public life somewhat, his word is still law.

Comiskey is satisfied that the present club under his banner is the best that could be put together in a little more than a season.

"We have a good ball club and one that will win a lot of games this season and in the future," said Comiskey in a recent conversation. "I take time to rebuild and I know the fans appreciate that fact."

## Washburn Engages Coach

TOPEKA, Kan., April 15.—Glenn D. Washburn, football coach of the Great Lakes naval training station, has accepted the appointment of football coach of Washburn college here. President H. P. Womer announced today. He will assume his duties in September.

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